

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are all the claims pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1-4 are canceled and new claims 7 and 8 entered for examination.

Claims 1-6 are rejected.

Claims 2-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Watanabe et al. (US Patent 4,476,541).

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe et al. (US Patent 4,476,541).

The Applicants traverse the rejections and request reconsideration.

General Remarks regarding incorrect citation

The Examiner is once again reminded that US Patent 4,476,541 is a patent to Boone et al. Instead of summarily rejecting the Applicant's position and asserting that the Examiner is "perplexed" by the Applicant's position, as she did in the previous Office Action, the Examiner is kindly requested to verify the correct serial number and the correct reference that is used for the rejection. Even in the new Office Action, the Examiner cites Watanabe, however, the serial number is listed as US 4,476,541, which is the serial number corresponding to Boone.

It appears now that the Examiner has rejected the claims based on Watanabe (US 4,794,533) and not Boone (US 4,476,541). This response is based on this assumption.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1-4 have been canceled and claims 5-6 have been amended, rendering the above rejection moot.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102

Rejection of Claim 1 as being anticipated by Watanabe et al.

Claims 1 is canceled, rendering the above rejection moot.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103

Rejection of Claims 1-6 as being unpatentable over Watanabe et al.

Claims 1-4 have been canceled rendering the above rejection related there to moot.
Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to overcome the rejection based on Watanabe.

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5 and 6 read on Embodiments 3 and 4. These claims require an editing digit value setting member for setting a required editing digit variable. Such a variable is necessary to edit a portion of the numeral value displayed every dividing digit number displayed in the display processing unit. The editing is performed using the operating keys. Since Watanabe does not suggest the invention corresponding to the amended claims 5 and 6, the Examiner is requested to withdraw the obviousness rejections based on Watanabe.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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